Good samaritan killed aiding stranded motorist

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A good samaritan who stopped to help a family whose car was stalled on Interstate 580 in Oakland was fatally injured by a suspected drunken driver.

Occupants of the stranded car, a woman and her two children, also were injured.

Anthony Mitchell, 33, of Oakland died from his injuries at 5:20 a.m. yesterday at Highland Hospital, the Alameda County Coroner's Office said.

California Highway Patrol Of-

ficer Steve Bell said Dina Rosin, 34, and her children, Robert, 4, and Jennifer, 2, of San Leandro, pulled onto the shoulder of east-bound I-580 near Fruitvale Avenue about 10:15 p.m. Wednesday when the car engine stalled.

Seeing the standed family, Mitchell parked his truck in front of Rosin's car, used his car telephone to summon aid and walked over to her car to tell her help was on the way.

As Mitchell walked back to his truck, Bell said, a car driven by Young-Chul Hong, 34, of Oakland slammed into the rear of the Rosin car, pushing it into traffic. Hong's car continued going along the shoulder and struck Mitchell.

Rosin remained hospitalized yesterday for cuts to her face and head. Robert was treated for a broken left leg at Children's Hospital and released, and Jennifer was treated at Children's for head lacerations and released.

After being treated for facial lacerations, Hong was arrested for driving under the influence, Bell said.